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DEPARTMENT FOR NIMETZ AND VEST.

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SUBJ: TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON TIMING OF COMPLETION AND
PRESENTATION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS, MFA
CYPRUS-GREECE DIRGEN TULUMEN GAVE POL CONUNTS. FOLLOWING
INFORMATION ON MARCH 1 WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE KEPT VERY
CLOSE AND NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

A. CARAMANLIS HAS ASKED THAT THE GOT NOT GIVE
WALDHEIM THE GIST OF ITS CYPRUS PROPOSALS UNTIL AFTER THE
GREEK-TURKISH SUMMIT THIS MONTH. THE GOT DID NOT ASK
CARAMANLIS FOR AN EXPLANATION, BUT MADE ITS OWN ANALYSIS
THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO COME UNDER FIRE FOR GOING TO
THE SUMMIT AFTER THE TURKISH PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PRESENTED
AND IMMEDIATELY REJECTED BY KYPRIANOU. ON THE BASIS
OF THIS READING, AND WITH THE DESIRE TO SHOW GOOD WILL, THE
GOT AGREED TO CARAMANLIS' REQUEST. IT WILL PRESENT
THE GIST OF ITS PROPOSALS TO WALDHEIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER
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THE SUMMIT.

B. WALDHEIM HAS INFORMED THE GOT THAT HE IS PREPARED
TO CALL INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS FOR THE MIDDLE OF APRIL--A
DATE THAT, IN TULUMEN'S OPINION, WOULD BE MUCH TOO LATE.

C. THE TURKISH PROPOSALS COULD HAVE BEEN READY BY NOW, BUT BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT TO PRESENT THEM, FINAL APPROVAL WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE SUMMIT. THE FONMIN WILL BEGIN HIS REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS MARCH 2.

D. THE PROPOSALS ARE FAR MORE GENEROUS THAN ANYTHING THAT DENKTASH HAD PRESENTED, AND THEY REPRESENT THE MAXIMUM THAT CAN BE GOTTEN OUT OF DENKTASH. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY AMONG THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN NICOSIA OVER THE PROPOSALS; TURKISH CYPRIOT " PRIMIN" NECAT KONUK HAD BEEN DISSUADED FROM RESIGNING OVER THE ISSUE ONLY THROUGH STRONG EFFORTS BY ANKARA. DENKTASH PROBABLY WILL BE INVITED TO ANKARA FOR A FINAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSALS SOME TIME NEXT WEEK, BUT IT IS NOT YET DEFINITE.

2. TULUMEN SAID THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE ANY HOPE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD GET UNDER WAY, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY THAT THE U.S., GREECE, AND THE U.N. PLACE MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON KYPRIANOU TO REFRAIN FROM REJECTING THE TURKISH PROPOSALS. TULUMEN SAID THE GOT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE US ATTITUDE REGARDING SUCH PRESSURE. THE GOT ALSO LOOKED TO THE US TO HELP CONVINCE CARAMANLIS THAT IT WAS IN HIS INTEREST TO USE HIS INFLUENCE ON KYPRIANOU TO GET THE TALKS STARTED. "THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ARE CRITICAL," TULUMEN SAID. "IF CONFIDENTIAL

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KYPRIANOU REJECTS OUR PROPOSALS OUTRIGHT AND KILLS THE TALKS, OUR WORK IS THROUGH."

3. POL COUNS. COMMENTED THAT IF WE WERE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE, WE WOULD NEED TO BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED AND, IN PARTICULAR, WOULD NEED A BRIEFING ON THE TURKISH PROPOSALS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. TULUMEN RESPONDED THAT A TOP LEVEL DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AS REGARDS SHARING THE PROPOSALS BUT HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SEC GEN TO BRIEF THE AMBASSADOR ON THE SUMMIT RESULTS AND THE TURKISH PROPOSALS AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER THE ECEVIT-CARAMANLIS MEETING.

4. COMMENT: AS WE BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE, IT SEEMS CLEARLY IN OUR INTEREST TO BRING MAXIMUM PRESSURE TO BEAR ON ALL PARTIES TO AVOID TAKING ANY STEPS THAT WOULD IMPEDE THE START OF THE TALKS. WITH REGARD TO THE MID-APRIL DATE WHICH WALDHEIM HAS PROPOSED FOR STARTING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WE AGREE WITH TULUMEN THAT IT IS TOO LATE. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER URGING WALDHEIM TO CONSIDER A LATE MARCH DATE INSTEAD.

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